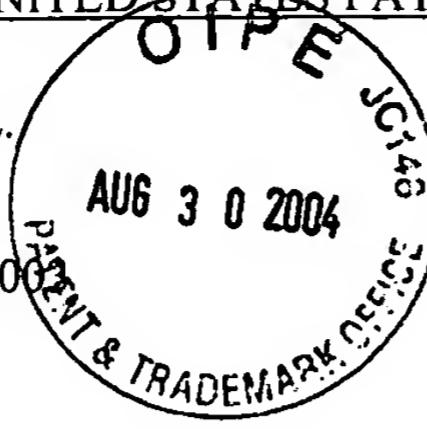


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 9, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 4 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes in the Appendix.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 6 of this paper.